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SUBJECT: AIRPORT SECURITY IN THE CARIBBEAN

1. DEPT IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF SENDING FAA TEAM TO  
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INTERESTED CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES TO CONDUCT SURVEY OF AIR-  
PORTS FOR PURPOSE OF IMPROVING AIRPORT SECURITY AND DETER-  
RING ACTS OF TERRORISM. FAA HAS PREVIOUSLY DONE SIMILAR  
WORK IN CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES AND IS WILLING TO MOUNT A NEW  
PROGRAM.

2. WE ASSUME THAT MOST GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE ABLE TO FUND REASONABLE IMPROVEMENTS BASED ON FAA'S FINDINGS. FOR EXAMPLE, AN AIRPORT WALK-THROUGH DETECTOR COSTS ABOUT DOLS 5,000 AND A HALF-DOZEN MIGHT SUFFICE FOR MOST AIRPORTS IN THIS AREA. LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION (LEAA) HAS FUNDS WHICH COULD BE USED FOR TRAINING AT FAA SCHOOL IN OKLAHOMA.

3. ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF OUR INTEREST IN PROVIDING AIRPORT SECURITY SURVEYS AND, WHEREVER GOVERNMENTS AGREEABLE, TO DETERMINE WHEN SURVEY MIGHT BE CONDUCTED. IN COUNTRIES WHERE SIMILAR SURVEYS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED RECENTLY, POSTS SHOULD EXERCISE JUDGMENT IN DECIDING WHETHER TO MAKE APPROACH.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT OUR CONCERN IS FOR THREAT TO ALL CIVIL AVIATION, NOT ONLY FLIGHTS TO US.

4. FOR BRIDGETOWN: EMBASSY SHOULD CHECK WITH ASSOCIATED STATES, BVI AND MONTserrat, AS WELL AS BARBADOS AND GRENADA.  
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